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Title: History of Britannia 1

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## A Reinterpretation

Being in part a collection  
of historical facts with a  
modern  
interpretation thereof  
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i. Ancient Sosaria  
Long ago, before the  
formation of the kingdom  
of Britannia,  
the land was known as  
Sosaria. It was little  
more than a  
multitude of warring  
city-states and feudal  
fiefdoms, and the  
people of the land  
suffered for it.  
It was wise Lord British,  
then ruler of the  
city-state  
of Britain, who eventually  
brought the land and the  
people of  
Sosaria together.

ii. The Ages of Darkness  
The Ages of Darkness  
are well named, for they  
were a time  
when dark terrors walked  
the land. It may also be  
said that  
during the Ages of  
Darkness, the peoples of  
Sosaria were the  
furthest from illumination,  
for this was truly a time  
when  
spiritual pursuits were at  
their ebb.

iii. The Tale that is  
Called 'The First Age of  
Darkness'

In the beginning of the  
First Age of Darkness is  
marked by  
the coming of a sorcerer  
named Mondain. The  
father of  
Mondain had refused to  
share his secret of  
immortality with  
his son, and their  
disputes ultimately led to  
the father's death.  
Torn with anguish and no  
doubt by his fears of  
persecution,  
Mondain turned his dark  
powers against the  
kingdoms of  
Sosaria.

In desperation, Lord  
British called forth a  
champion  
to rise to the defense  
of the realm. The hero  
who responded to  
his summons would many  
years later come to be  
known as  
the Avatar. It was  
through the actions of  
this Avatar that  
Mondain's foul gem of  
power was shattered and  
Mondain  
himself did come to a  
very sad end indeed.  
iv. The Tale That is  
Called 'Revenge of the  
Enchantress'  
The triumph of the  
Avatar did not last long,  
for in slaying  
Mondain he brought the  
wrath of Minax down  
upon the land.  
Minax was the young  
lover of Mondain and a  
sorceress with  
magical powers even  
greater than Mondain's.  
She had the  
power to command legions  
of foul creatures, and in  
her quest  
for vengeance over the  
death of her lover, she  
brought much

misery to the people of  
Sosaria.  
Again the hero who would  
come to be known as the  
Avatar returned to  
Britannia in the first  
recorded use of the  
Moongates. The Avatar  
slew Minax's minions and  
did  
eventually destroy her as  
well.

While there have been  
speculations as to the  
motivations of the  
Avatar, there is  
insufficient evidence to  
show that the Avatar  
was driven to violence by  
jealousy over  
Mondain's romantic  
involvement with Minax.  
That being  
said, such theories are  
hereby denounced and  
should not be  
given consideration.

v. The Tale that is Called  
'Exodus'  
No one in all of Sosaria,  
not even the Avatar,  
could have  
realized that by ending  
the lives of Mondain and  
Minax, the  
Avatar would be orphaning  
their only child. The name  
of this  
unusual child was Exodus,  
and he was neither  
machine nor  
human. Exodus rose from  
the bottom of the Great  
Ocean to  
carry out a campaign of  
revenge and destruction  
against the  
land of Sosaria.  
So terrible were the  
forces unleashed by  
Exodus that  
the hero whom we would  
come to know as the  
Avatar

required the assistance of  
the mysterious being  
known as the  
Time Lord to thwart  
them. And thus it was  
that the Avatar  
did deal with Exodus in a  
similar manner as he had  
dealt  
with his mother and  
father.

Since that time much  
speculation has been given  
to  
the potentially  
immeasurable good such a  
creature as Exodus  
could have brought the  
land had he been  
persuaded to become  
beneficent, but I wish to  
formally disagree with  
those who say  
the Avatar should have  
handled the situation  
differently.

vi. The Rise of Britannia  
After the smiting of  
Exodus, the people of  
Sosaria, who lived  
in terror during the  
onslaught of these evil  
magical beings,  
did unite together as a  
measure of  
self-protection under the  
sovereign rule of Lord  
British. Thus was formed  
the kingdom  
of Britannia.

Led by wise Lord British,  
the land did come to  
flourish. The eight major  
townships rose upon the  
foundations of the old  
city-states. A renaissance  
of culture  
and civilization was  
highlighted by the  
formation of great  
institutions devoted to  
the study and  
advancement of the arts  
and sciences.

vii. The Tale that is  
Called `Quest of the

Avatar'

It was at this time of  
growth and prosperity in  
the kingdom of  
Britannia that Lord  
British put out a call for  
one to show the  
way of spiritual growth  
and virtue. The call was  
answered by  
the hero who would come  
to be known as the  
Avatar.

It was at this time that  
the champion of Britannia  
did  
come to earn the title  
of 'Avatar' by establishing  
the Eight  
Virtues and by seizing  
the Codex of Ultimate  
Wisdom from  
the depths of the  
Stygian Abyss.

It has been said that the  
primary motivation of the  
Avatar has been personal  
redemption for the fate  
of Mondain,  
Minax and Exodus. While  
there has been no proof  
of this, I  
say that even if it were  
true, all the positive  
things brought  
forth in the world  
through the virtues would  
be enough to  
make amends for almost  
any misdoing.

viii. The Tale that is  
Called 'Warriors of  
Destiny'

It seems that by  
removing the Codex of  
Ultimate Wisdom the  
Avatar had inadvertently  
set into motion a cosmic  
chain of  
events which led to the  
release of three  
Shadowlords from  
remnant shards of the  
black gem of Mondain.  
These  
Shadowlords were sinister

agents of evil. Soon they  
managed  
to dethrone Lord British  
and hold him prisoner in  
a foul  
dungeon. Denied his  
wisdom and compassion,  
the kingdom  
of Britannia quickly grew  
oppressive and cruel.  
This was the Britannia  
that greeted the return  
of the  
Avatar.

After a score of  
valiant struggles, Lord  
British was  
liberated, his throne  
regained and the  
Shadowlords banished  
from our world.  
However, Lord British's  
escape from the  
underworld  
did cause a tremendously  
destructive series of  
earthquakes as  
the vast network of  
subterranean caverns  
collapsed. Much of  
the gargoyle race did  
perish in that tragic  
cataclysm.  
ix. The Tale that is  
Called 'The False Prophet'  
After the tremors that  
shook Britannia subsided,  
gargoyles,  
inhabitants of the other  
side of the world who  
now found their  
homeland virtually  
destroyed, began to  
appear on the  
Britannian side of the  
world in increasing  
numbers as  
aggressors. They launched  
vicious attacks against  
the human  
race and many were they  
who lost their lives in  
defense of our  
realm.  
The gargoyles even  
attempted to assassinate  
the

Avatar. They set a  
Moongate trap which lured  
the Avatar into  
their clutches, but the  
Avatar was rescued by  
his companions.

So it was that Lord  
British did once again call  
upon his  
champion to set the  
world right. Ending this  
violent racial  
conflict was the greatest  
challenge that the Avatar  
had ever  
faced.

At last it was revealed  
that the Codex of  
Ultimate  
Wisdom, which had been  
removed from the  
underworld by  
the Avatar, was actually  
the property of the  
gargoyles.

Therefore, the Avatar  
placed the Codex into the  
great ethereal  
void where it would be  
possessed by neither  
human nor  
gargoyle. Two lenses, used  
to view the Codex, were  
given to  
Lord British and the  
gargoyle ruler King  
Draxinusom. As the  
cause of the conflict  
between the two races  
had been removed,  
it was hoped that the  
rift between the two  
would eventually be  
closed.

Those who would say that  
this terrible and  
destructive war could  
have been prevented  
entirely had the  
Avatar not appropriated  
the Codex from its true  
owners are  
merely dissidents who are  
grossly misinformed.